

City Works



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Dates to Remember:

E-Waste Drop-Off

February 7
9am-2pm
222-5095

**Burlington Police
Citizens Academy**
Begins March 20
570-6530

Apply to Serve on City Boards/Commissions

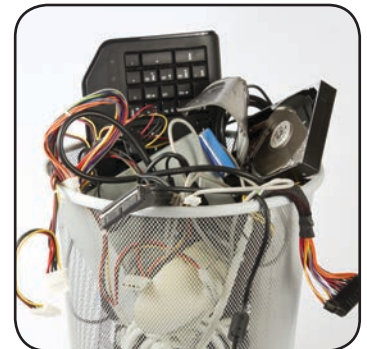
The Burlington City Council enlists the guidance of many advisory and quasi-judicial boards, comprised of citizen volunteers. Each year, the City accepts applications for service on these volunteer boards and commissions.

If you are interested in learning more about the City's boards and commissions or would like to submit an application for service, please visit **www.**

BurlingtonNC.gov/Boards or contact the Public Information Office at 222-5076. Applications should be submitted by April 1st.

Free Electronic Waste Disposal

The City of Burlington will host a free electronic-waste recycling event on Saturday, February 7th from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM in the parking lot of the Public Works building, located at 234 East Summit Avenue.



Any resident can come to the Public Works parking lot to drop off electronic devices to be recycled. Business disposal of e-waste will be prohibited. Signage and traffic cones will be in place to help direct recyclers to the proper location. Home electronics, personal computers, personal electronics and many other miscellaneous electronic devices will be accepted at the e-waste recycling event. Batteries are not accepted and alkaline batteries must be removed from electronic devices before they are recycled. White goods, appliances, air conditioning units and other non-electronic items will not be accepted.

More information about the items accepted at the e-waste recycling event and about electronics banned from landfills can be found on the City's website at **www.BurlingtonNC.gov/ewaste**. For more information about the e-waste recycling event or the sustainability efforts of the City of Burlington, contact the City's Sustainability Division at 222-5095.

Housing Meeting & Free Gun Locks

City Seeks Input on Housing & Neighborhood Development

The City of Burlington will hold a community meeting for public input on the needs of affordable housing, neighborhood and community development needs, and the homeless in Alamance County. Comments received will be used to develop the City's Consolidated Plan for 2015-2020. The Consolidated Plan, required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, describes the area needs for housing, neighborhood, and community development and how the City will address these needs over a five-year period.

Meeting details:

Tuesday, January 20, 2014 at 5:00PM
Mayco Bigelow Community Center at North Park
849 Sharpe Rd.
Burlington, NC 27217



For questions please contact Shawna Tillery at 336-222-5094 or stillery@ci.burlington.nc.us.

Never Let Your Gun Get Into the Wrong Hands!

The Burlington Police Department joins the National Crime Prevention Council's campaign to remind citizens to "Never let your gun get into the wrong hands!"

North Carolina General Statute 14-315.1 requires owners of firearms who have minors residing in the same home to secure their firearm(s) in a manner that renders the firearm(s) safe and secure.



Methods of securing firearms may include a locked cabinet, gun safe, locked storage case and/or gun cable locks. Ammunition should always be stored in a separate, secure location from the firearm.

If you own a firearm and do not have the ability to secure your firearm safely, the Burlington Police Department has cable-style gun locks free of charge available through *Project ChildSafe*. To obtain a free cable lock, please come to the front desk of Burlington Police Department (267 W. Front St.) Monday-Friday between the hours of 8AM and 7PM.

For more information on Gun Safety in the home, please contact Greg Turner of the Crime Prevention Unit at 336-513-5449. More information is also available at the National Crime Prevention Council web page: <http://www.ncpc.org/topics/safe-firearms-storage/a-campaign-for-change>.

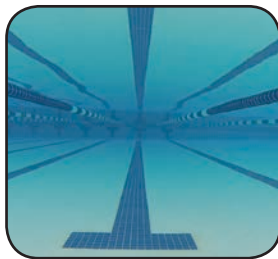
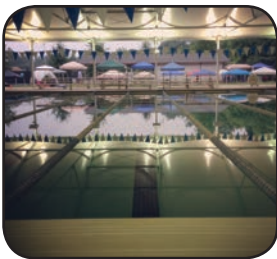
Rec Swim & Online Tax Payments

Introducing the Recreational Swimming Program

The Burlington Recreation & Parks' Aquatics Division is excited to announce its newest program, the Recreational Swimming Program. This program focuses on teaching and developing stroke technique in the four competitive strokes: Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, and Butterfly. However, the Recreational Swimming Program develops youth swimmers in a non-competitive, fun, and fitness-oriented environment, led by coach Scott Bower, a 4th level American Swimming Coaches Association coach with 19 years of coaching experience.

The Rec Swim program offers practices 4 days per week, including Saturday morning. More information about the Recreational Swimming Program is available online at www.BurlingtonNC.gov/RecSwim. Join now for \$30 per month. Fees will be \$45 beginning in February.

Help your swimmer prepare for summer leagues through endurance building and a focus on health and wellness during the Winter League Recreational Swimming Program. Call 222-5043 with questions.



City Launches Online Tax Payment Portal

The City of Burlington proudly announces the launch of a new website to help Burlington's tax payers access important tax information on their smartphones, computers, and tablet devices. The new website is optimized to be conveniently viewed on mobile devices. The website is now available at: www.BurlingtonNCtax.com.

The new mobile website allows tax payers to search, view, and pay their property tax bill from the convenience of their smartphone or tablet without pinching, pulling, or scrolling on their screen. Tax bills can now be easily paid online using any one of the three major credit cards, a PayPal account, or PayPal Credit.



Tethering Restrictions: Outline & Implementation

Chapter 5 of the City's Code of Ordinances was amended in October, 2014 to prohibit the tethering of dogs. Tethering a dog in Burlington is prohibited except in specified circumstances and never for longer than 7 consecutive days. Tethering a sick or injured dog or a puppy is never permitted.

Exceptions to the tethering prohibition are permitted for the following specific reasons and only for fewer than 7 consecutive days:

- Lawful animal events and hunting activities
- To meet the requirements of a camping or recreational facility
- For Law Enforcement activities
- After taking possession of a stray and having notified animal control
- When a caretaker is outside and within eyesight of the tethered animal.



The new ordinance will be phased into implementation according to the following timeline:

Phase I: Public Information & Outreach

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Residents will be informed of the new ordinance and provided with information and resources to assist with the transition away from tethering as a method of confinement.

Phase II: Warning Period

January 1, 2016 - June 30, 2016

During this six month period, written warnings will be issued to dog owners that are not in compliance with the ordinance and will be given until the end of Phase II or thirty days, whichever is greater, to comply.

Phase III: Transition Period Ends

On and after July 1, 2016

Full enforcement begins and a formal citation will be issued to owners who previously received a written warning and are not in compliance. First offenses will receive a written warning, second offenses will receive a \$100 civil penalty, Third offenses will receive a \$250 civil penalty. After four offenses, violators can be found guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor and punished by a fine of up to \$500.

Alternatives to tethering include building a fence or having one installed, switching to a pen or kennel enclosure, using alternative fencing (such as invisible fences), or house training your dog and bringing them inside the home. A community based non-profit, Friends of Mebane's Animals, will soon offer a new program called "Freedom Fences" to help pet owners in need to build fences that will unchain their dogs. Inquire about their wait list by emailing info@mebanesfurrycitizens.org.

Do you have questions or need guidance concerning the new anti-tethering ordinance? Contact Burlington Animal Services at 578-0343 for more information.

